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Re: International Patent Application No. PCT/CA00/00440
Applicant: UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA et al.
Our File: 338-104PCT2

Dear Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION

This communication is in response to the Written Opinion mailed February 23, 2001, and two one-month extensions of time granted under Rule 66.2(d).

AMENDMENT UNDER ARTICLE 34 PCT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1 to 27, presently on file, with new claims 1 to 59 submitted herewith.
Support for each new claim is indicated herein. Applicant has also enclosed a new set of claims